

LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION WATER RESTRICTIONS

Residents and Businesses — Effective: 9/26/08

Orange and Osceola counties within South Florida Water Management District boundaries, including residents served by St. Cloud Environmental Utilities and Toho Water Authority



Irrigation

Restrictions apply to all sources of water – from a utility, an individual well or withdrawals from a canal, lake or pond.

- **ODD-numbered addresses:** May water on **Wednesday** AND/OR **Saturday**; irrigation is prohibited between **10 a.m.** and **4 p.m.**
- **EVEN-numbered addresses or no addresses:** May water **Thursday** AND/OR **Sunday**; irrigation is prohibited between **10 a.m.** and **4 p.m.**
- St. Cloud Environmental Utilities and Tohopekalgia Water Authority have adopted this schedule. Check with your local government to verify irrigation restrictions.
- **New plantings, sod or landscape:** Allowed at any time of day on any day for the initial 30 days and every other day for the next 30 days for a total of one 60-day period, provided that the irrigation is limited to the minimum amount necessary for establishment.

Hand Watering

For stressed plants, 10 minutes per day on any day using a single hose with an attached automatic shut-off nozzle.

Fertilizer, Insecticide, Fungicide and Herbicide Water-In

Allowed anytime within 24 hours of application.

Irrigation System Repair

Allowed during restricted days and times for maintenance and repair, and should not exceed 10 minutes per zone.

An attendant should be on site in the area being maintained and/or repaired.

Reclaimed Water

Irrigation using 100% reclaimed and/or supplemental reclaimed water is restricted by Toho Water Authority and St. Cloud Environmental Utilities.

Vehicle Washing, Pressure Washing, Decorative Fountains and All Other Outdoor Water Uses

Allowed anytime; however, voluntary conservation is encouraged. When washing a car, park it over a non-paved surface to limit runoff and use a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle. Limit boat rinsing to 15 minutes after it has been in salt water. Use pressure washing equipment with a flow rate of 1,000 to 4,000 pounds per square inch (psi). Decorative fountains may run anytime if they re-circulate water and don't spray water out of the fountain basin. Indoor water use is not restricted, but voluntary conservation is encouraged.

Variances

For information about variances from water restrictions, contact your local city or county government.

For more information on water shortage restrictions, visit our web site at **www.sfwmd.gov/conserve** or call our **Water Conservation Hotline at (800) 662-8876** to request more information.

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Frequently Asked Questions About Water Restrictions

How much of these expanded watering opportunities should I use to irrigate my lawn?

Proper irrigation is based on the amount of water each lawn needs. Lawns and landscapes typically need to receive only three-quarters to an inch of water each week. This usually means a maximum of two hours of irrigation per week, or a maximum of 15 minutes per irrigation zone for each water application. The lawn may not need to be watered at all if it has rained during the week.

I water my lawn from a well, canal, pond or surface lake. Do these restrictions apply to me?

Yes. Surface and groundwater sources are connected. Water in lakes and canals helps protect private and public wells from saltwater intrusion, and helps store rainfall to recharge wells and aquifers.

Can I hand water my lawn?

Yes. You can hand water stressed plants for 10 minutes per day using a single hose with an attached automatic shut-off or trigger nozzle.

What other low-volume watering methods are allowed?

Drip, bubble and micro-jet systems that apply water directly to root plant zones may be used any time. However, a voluntary reduction in use is encouraged, and any low-volume system should not produce water runoff. Watering cans are also low-volume and can be used anytime.

When can I wash my car or boat?

Anytime. Vehicle washing is not restricted, but voluntary conservation is encouraged. When washing a car, park it over a non-paved or porous surface to limit water runoff, and always attach an automatic shut-off or trigger nozzle to your hose. Limit boat rinsing to 15 minutes after it has been in salt water.

My organization is scheduling a fundraising car wash. Do we need to apply for a variance?

No. There are no restrictions on vehicle washing. Always attach automatic shutoff or trigger nozzles to hoses and, if possible, channel runoff water to a grassy area or porous surface.

When can I use a water pressure washer?

Anytime. Pressure washing is not restricted. Use low-volume equipment that produces water pressure of 1,000 pounds per square inch to 4,000 pounds per square inch. Channel runoff water onto the grass or another non-paved surface.

What happens if I don't follow these restrictions?

Residential and commercial water restrictions are mandatory and will be enforced by South Florida Water Management District staff, local governments and law enforcement agencies. Residential fines vary by municipality, but typically range from \$25 to \$125 for a first offense. Civil penalties for violations of restrictions by District permittees and commercial users begin at \$1,500 and can increase depending on the severity and frequency of the violation.

How can I report violations of water restrictions?

You may report violations to local law enforcement or city/county zoning and code enforcement agencies. Both have the authority to issue warnings and citations that can lead to fines. If you choose to notify your local law enforcement agency, please call their non-emergency number.

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